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Wayne Hedberg **Permit Supervisor** Minerals Reclamation Program Division of Oil, Gas and Mining

Re: Western States Minerals Reclamation Surety Release - Drum Mine

Dear Wayne:

We are in receipt of various correspondence between Western States Minerals and your office regarding the surety release for the Drum Mine Site. The reclamation activities have been completed and the major water quality issues addressed. We therefore have no objections to the bond release requested by Western States Minerals.

Sincerely,

Don A. Ostler, P.E.

Director Department of Water Quality

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